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SUBJECT: PROJECTED TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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1. AS REPORTED SEPTELS, FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND MARK CHONA, ZAMBIAN CHIEF OF STATE IS IN CHINSALI IN NORTHERN PROVINCE FROM DEC 21 THROUGH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND INTO JAN. EXACT DATE OF RETURN TO LUSAKA NOT RPT NOT KNOWN.

2. IN SECOND CONVERSATION WITH CHONA DURING SUPPER AT RESIDENCE DEC 21 FOR VISITING NY TIMES COLUMNIST SULZBERGER, I ASKED IF I WAS INTERPRETING CORRECTLY ZAMBIAN POSITION ON PROPOSED VISIT OF ASST SECY SCHAUFLE. WAS IT "TEMPORARILY ON ICE" AND WAS THIS PERHAPS BECAUSE OF AN OVER-IDENTIFICATION PROBLEM? CHONA REPLIED IT WAS DEFINITELY "ON ICE" FOR THAT REASON BUT ALSO, CHONA STRESSED, BECAUSE WE WERE AGREED ON ANGOLA AND HAD NO RPT NO OUTSTANDING ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED OR SETTLED.

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PERHAPS AFTER OAU SUMMIT IN JAN THERE MIGHT BE NEED,

CHONA SUGGESTED.

3. COMMENT: IF INDEED IT PROVES WORTHWHILE FOR
ASST SECY TO MAKE AFRICAN TRIP DURING CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS BUT WITHOUT MAKING LUSAKA STOPOVER, I FOR
ONE WOULD BE MOST ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH HIM AND WOULD
APPRECIATE HIS REACTION TO PROPOSAL WE GET TOGETHER
IN KINSHASA IF THAT ON ITINERARY.
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